GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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REPORT SOUGHT FROM RAILWAYS OVER SEXUAL HARASSMENT
RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission has soughtreport from Railways over sexual harassment of women passengers; and

(b) if so, the details of the report sent by the Railways and the steps taken to prevent such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The National Human RightsCommission has made some suggestion for improving the lot of women passengers and has asked for an action taken report. The report is yet to be submitted.

Though the maintenance of law and order and control of crime on Railway premises including RailwayStations and running trains is the responsibility of the State Government concerned, the Railways co-ordinate with the State Governments for ensuring better security to the passengers. The Railway administration has taken the following steps:

1. Anti-social elements are removed from Railway premises and trains.

2. Coach Attendants/TTEs keep proper watch on the passengers entering/detraining from the coaches.

3. The coaches are locked during night hours.

4. FIRforms are made available with the Train Guards/Stations Masters/RPF to facilitatethe travelling public to lodge their reports immediately.

5. Sharing of Special Intelligence and Crime Intelligence between RPF and GRP is done at all levels.

6. Announcement through Public Address system and CCTV at importantRailway Stations to alert the travelling passengers against theft of their belongings etc.

7. RPF Assistance posts are provided at important stationsto assist passengers in lodging FIRs with Government Railway Police.

8. Periodic High Level co-ordination Meetings with Government Railway Police and Local Police are conducted to analyzethe crime position with a view to taking suitable preventive measures.

9. Steps have been taken to sensitize the RPF personnel to the problems of women passengers by organizing workshops and seminars.

10. Ladies' compartments are escorted in some suburban areas by lady constables of GRP and RPF.

11. Special squads consisting of ladies ticket checking staff and lady RPF personnel have been formed in Central, SouthCentral and Western Railways to assist the women passengers.